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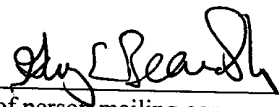
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AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the specification as follows.

Claim Amendments

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Claim 1 (currently amended): An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a sequence encoding an ~~SSE~~ a polypeptide having at least 30% 70% identity with the amino acid sequence shown in Fig. 2B (SEQ ID NO: 2).

Claim 2 (canceled).